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SUBJECT: SYRIAN AIRLINE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE

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CHARLES MUNRO, LOCKHEED WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE,
TELEPHONED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER SUNDAY
REGARDING LOCKHEED EFFORT TO SELL THREE L-1011'S
TO SYRIAN AIRLINES. MUNRO INFORMED BY LOCKHEED PRESIDENT
WOOD, NOW IN BEIRUT GOING TO DAMASCUS MONDAY, THAT SYRIAN
CHOICE HAS NARROWED DOWN TO L-1011 AND THE FRENCH
A-300B. UNDERSTAND SALE TO LOCKHEED WOULD AMOUNT TO
ABOUT DOLS SEVENTY MILLION INCLUDING SPARES.

ACCORDING MUNRO'S INFORMATION, UK AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS
PREPARED TO GO IN AND SUPPORT LOCKHEED ON ACCOUNT OF
ROLLS ROYCE ENGINES.

WOOD HAS ASKED MUNRO TO SOLICIT U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT
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FOR CHARGE SCOTES EFFORT ON BEHALF OF LOCKHEED.

SOBER TOLD MUNRO THAT WE VERY MUCH FAVOR SALE OF AMERICAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT AND HE ENTIRELY CONFIDENT CHARGE WILL CONTINUE LEND ALL APPROPRIATE SUPPORT. TOLD MUNRO DEPARTMENT WOULD WIRE YOU PROMPTLY REGARDING THIS CONVERSATION HERE.

YOUR 1295 RECEIVED AFTER ABOVE DRAFTED. WE WILL CONSIDER YOUR SPECIFIC POINTS FURTHER AND SEND ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ASAP. MEANWHILE YOU SHOULD CONTINUE GIVE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AT LEVEL YOU DEEM SUITABLE WITHOUT HOWEVER, COMMITTING US GOVERNMENT TO FINANCIAL HELP. SISCO

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